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NEW AND EXPERIENCED FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR'S MEETING

New Opportunities & Federal Regulations As It Relates to Early Childhood

- Utilization of Migrant Educational Program (MEP) Funds: Typically Developing Peers
- Developmental Screening for Children in Child Care



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Migrant Educational Program (MEP)Funding

- District has a Migrant Educational Program?
 - District receives MEP funding and employ a Migrant Family Liaison.
 - 43 MEP districts in Idaho, most are located in the southern part of the state
- District has a Special Education preschool program?



Migrant Educational Program Funding



- MEP funds can be used to fund typically developing peers in a program with no peer program.
- MEP funds can be used to fund additional typical peers if the program currently has a peer program
 - Peers must qualify as a migrant student MEP.
 - Must have a current certificate of eligibility on file.



Migrant funds are already committed for the current school year and some districts have limited funds, that only cover the cost of the family liaison. If districts wish to use migrant funds to include migrant students in preschool, they will have to reexamine their budgets. It is possible to support preschool inclusion, but individual districts will have to decide if they wish to use migrant funds this way, but as part of a list of competing needs and limited funds.

Migrant Educational Program Funding

- Special Education and Migrant Director determine if there is MEP funds available to shift for typical peers.
- Migrant Program can pay/shift funds to pay a reasonable tuition for peers attending a developmental preschool program.

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Developmental Screening for Children in Child Care

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What is IdahoSTARS?



IdahoSTARS is a joint project between the **University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD)** and the **Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC)**. The project is funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) through the Child Care and Development Fund.

IdahoSTARS Quality Initiatives



- Professional Development
 - Professional Development System
 - Training
 - Scholarships
- Child Care Resource Centers (CCRC)
 - Resource Specialists
 - Quality Child Care Consultants
 - Child Care Health Consultants

- Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)
 - Steps to Quality



- Child Care Licensing and Idaho Child Care Program Support

Child Care Development Block Grant Act



- Reauthorized in 2014
- Focus on health and safety



Developmental Screening Requirements



- Requires states to provide information regarding developmental screening
- Collaborate with IDEA Part C and Section 619 Programs
- Child care providers are encouraged to discuss healthy development with families

Information Sharing



- Audience: Parents and Child Care Providers
- Website
- Developmental Screening Brochures
 - What is developmental screening
 - How to make referrals
 - How to offer developmental screenings
 - Developmental screening resources


WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW

Developmental screeners are brief tools (take 30 minutes or less to complete) that examine one or more areas of a child's development to determine if a child is developing as expected, or if there is a cause for concern. After a concern is identified, formal developmental evaluation(s) is required to confirm the concern and determine the extent of delay.

Child care providers can do developmental screenings in their child care program, or refer families for developmental screening from other programs or agencies. Every child, from birth to five years of age, should receive a developmental screening at 9, 18, 24, 30, 42 and 54 months, and anytime there is a concern.

Developmental screenings can assist child care providers with:

- Identifying developmental concerns
- Referring children and families to the right services
- Supporting children's development and learning



DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING RESOURCES

Developmental Milestones/Idaho Infant Toddler Program

FREE developmental screening and early intervention services for children ages birth to 3
www.infanttoddler.idaho.gov

School District

FREE developmental screenings and early childhood special education services for children ages 3 and older
www.idaho.gov/education/dist.html

Learn the Signs. Act Early.


FREE tools for tracking development
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly

Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive!

FREE developmental screening tools and resources
www.aclhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/watch-me-thrive

Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns



FREE 1-hour IdahoSTARS approved training
www.idahostars.org/?q=distance-learning



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Easterseals: Make the First Five Years Count

FREE online screenings for children ages birth to five
www.easterseals.com/mtffc



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MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT

Helping Idaho Families Make the Most of their Child's Early Years



- 2 years:
- ☐ Says 2-4 word sentences
 - ☐ Enjoys being around other children
 - ☐ Follows simple instructions
 - ☐ Points to items when named, such as body parts
- 4 years:
- ☐ Hops and stands on one foot for 2 seconds
 - ☐ Tells stories
 - ☐ Draws a person with 2-4 body parts
 - ☐ Enjoys pretend play

For information and tools on tracking your child's development visit:
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly

Dissemination



- Website,
www.idahostars.org
- Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) Orientations and Guide Book
- ICCP Renewal Packets
- CCRC Training and Technical Assistance



Referrals



- School Districts
- Developmental Milestones
- Easter Seals: Make the First Five Count
- Health Care Providers

Next Steps

- Continued collaboration
- Local partnerships
- Cross-sector PD



QUESTIONS?

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